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Michigan Representatives
Lansing, Michigan

RE: SB 613

Dear Representatives-

I want to thank you for the opportunity to address you regarding SB 613. I am sorry I am unavailable to present this in person, because of work related conflicts.

As you know the restoration of the Wild Turkey in Michigan is the biggest success story of a conservation/restoration program ever in our great state of Michigan. We at the National Wild Turkey Federation and other conservationist are asking that the Wild Turkey be added to the "other than" list along with the Bear, Fawn, Ducks, Geese, etc.

When a person harvests a Wild Turkey with a shotgun they are, in most cases, unable to see any wound or other evidence that the bird has been shot, so it would be very easy for a person to say they hit it with a vehicle when in truth the bird had been poached. Also, in the fall of the year, Wild Turkeys travel in very close groups, especially young birds. An entire flock of Wild Turkeys could be at risk to be hit by a car intentional or otherwise. By allowing Wild Turkey to be picked up as road kill, it creates a loophole for violators.

As SB 613 is written, the NWTF cannot support this bill.

Thank you for your time and efforts as we all work together to conserve and preserve our Natural Resources and Hunting Heritage.

Respectfully,
Tony Snyder
NWTF Michigan State Chapter President